

OF NOTE

377ABW.NUCLEUS@kirtland.af.mil. Deadline for Oct. 22 is today.

BLOOD

United Blood Services blood drives on Kirtland Air Force Base are: Nuclear Weapons Directorate, **Thursday**, 7:30-11 a.m., in the Bloodmobile by Building 20324 58th Special Operations Wing, **Oct. 22**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Aerial Delivery Building 994 Kirtland NCO Academy, **Oct. 25**, 8:30-11:30 a.m., in the Bloodmobile.

BRIEFINGS

Civilian training for timekeepers and supervisors is **Oct. 25**, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the theater.

Government travel card training for cardholders is **Oct. 25**, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in the theater.

Bundles for babies briefing is **Monday**, 8:30-11 a.m. Register at 846-0741.

Budgeting 101 is **Tuesday**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Federal job applications preparation workshop is **Wednesday**, 5:30-8 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741 to register.

Employment assistance orientation workshop, **Oct. 22**, 10 a.m.-noon, in the Family Support Center, is designed to assist individuals in their job searches and to discuss the local job market. Register at 846-0741.

CLOSURES

Manzano Bridge approach repair work continues through November. One lane of the bridge remains open at all times and flagmen will direct traffic. Expect delays and seek alternate routes.

FINANCE

Enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Program prior to retiring from military service ensures guaranteed income for member's families. Contact SBP counselor Edward Terlaje at 846-5508.

LEISURE

The Navy birthday ball and

banquet, with guest speaker Rear Admiral William H. Payne is **Oct. 23** at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. A Naval Reservist and a New Mexico State Senator, Admiral Payne has just completed two years of active duty with the Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. His talk will be about homeland security and terrorism. For tickets and additional information, contact David Mathis at 299-7585 or Navydudenm@aol.com.

MEETINGS

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 1201 Roadrunners, monthly general membership meeting is **Wednesday**, 11:30 a.m., in the Thunderbird Inn Dining Facility, back room. The meeting is open to enlisted members of all Air Force components, active duty, Reserve, Guard, and retirees. Call Tech. Sgt. Carlos Chavez, 846-7116.

Hearts Apart Family Arcade Night is **Oct. 22**, 5 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Pizza and games will be available for the enjoyment of those with deployed members. Call 846-0741.

The African-American Heritage Month planning committee meets **Oct. 27**, 2-3 p.m. in Room 120 of the Consolidated Support Building. Contact Cynthia Laughlin at 846-8672, 2nd Lt. Wesley Cook at 846-2517 or Master Sgt. Raymond Nivens at 846-6141.

Cub Scouts Pack 460 for students in first-fifth grades meets at Sandia Base Elementary. Cub Scouts do not need to attend Sandia Base Elementary to join the pack. Contact Cubmaster Jimmy Sneddon at 846-1113 or Dave Adair at 845-5348.

Parent-Infant/Toddler Playgroups offer children opportunities to learn social skills while parents can visit. Groups meet 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesdays at the Youth Center and Fridays at Maxwell Child Development Center. Call Mike Walti at 846-0139.

Kirtland Air Force Base Homeschool Group meets **Tuesdays**, 12:30-2:30 p.m. The weekly group provides support for parents by scheduling activities that allow building of relationships among

homeschooling families. Activities include field trips, arts and crafts, educational activities and speakers and park days. Call Pam Garrett at 255-2295 or contact Mike Walti at Family Advocacy, 846-0139.

ODDS/ENDS

To view photographs of Vice President Chaney during his visit here Sept. 16, visit the Web site at https://www.mil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/Public_Affairs/pa/vpvisit/indexvp.

The Albuquerque chapter of the Air Force Association quarterly luncheon, **Oct. 23**, features guest speaker Susan Helms, veteran of five space shuttle missions and a six-month tour in the orbiting space station. The luncheon at Albuquerque Petroleum Club begins with social hour at 10:30 a.m. and meal at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are due Wednesday by calling Fred Harsany at 846-5420 or 344-0115 or Ernie Denike at 881-1167 or 362-0591. Payments can be taken at the door. Cost is \$18 a person for London broil or lemon chicken.

Linda Stout from the Utility Shack Jewelry store presents a short educational program on Native American jewelry during the **Kirtland Officers Spouses Club monthly event**, **Tuesday**. Social time is 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$12 for Club members and \$15 for nonmembers; call Clea Frazier, 505-237-2045, for reservations.

Technology Exposition sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories Network Assurance and Survivability Center is **Wednesday**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Energy Training Complex, 1401 Maxwell Street in the Maxwell Housing Unit. The expo features representatives of more than 20 leading industry manufacturers, developers and system integrators, demonstrating computer hardware, software and services.

Overall prices for issue uniforms sold at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales dropped Oct. 1. The most significant price drop is for the temperate battle dress uniform coats and the Air Force men's and women's lightweight jackets with a decrease of \$4 in price.

The price decrease is passed to military members because AAFES sells at cost and does not make a profit.

Disability in Employment Awareness Month observance includes a talk on disabilities by Barbara McKee, Albuquerque Journal columnist. The talk is **Tuesday** at 7:30 a.m. at Pennsylvania Street and G streets before a five-kilometer run at 8 a.m. In the event of rain, the talk moves to Rio Grande Community Center.

Kirtland Officers Spouses Thrift Shop needs a co-manager. Duties include shop management, organization and coordination of all volunteers, meeting with the Thrift Shop Council, preparing monthly report to KOSC, closing out register, making bank deposits and implementing ideas to increase sales. Hours are split with the other co-manager. Shop hours are Mondays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and the second Saturday each month, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The position includes six weeks of paid annual vacation. Apply at the Thrift Shop, 4500 Biggs Avenue, west from Truman. Application deadline is Oct. 31.

Leaders Encouraging Airman Development is accepting applications. This program delegates authority to unit and wing commanders to nominate highly qualified airmen to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School with the intention of academy appointment to follow. Applicants must not have passed their 22nd birthday by **July 1, 2005**. Interested applicants should contact the Education Center at 846-9933 or 846-8955 for an appointment with the guidance counselor. Deadline for applications to reach the Air Force Academy Admissions Office is **Jan. 31**.

Special commemorative coins sold at the Air Force birthday ball are still available for \$4. To place an order, contact 2nd Lt. Marietta Sanders at 846-5628.

Halloween trick-or-treating in Kirtland Air Force Base housing is **Oct. 31**, 6-8 p.m. Residents who want to give candy should have their porch lights on during those hours.

Kirtland Cafe, Building 1018 in Pyeatt Pavilion near Hangar 1002, is open **weekdays**, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Coffee is now on the menu.

Chapel services in the renovated Chapel are: Protestant traditional **Sunday** worship service at 8:15 a.m. followed by religious education at 9:45. Contemporary Protestant **Sunday** worship is 11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass at 9:45 a.m. is followed by Catholic program at 11:15 a.m. **Saturday** Catholic Mass is 5 p.m. Call 846-5691 for information about Chapel programs.

Air Force Reserve gives active duty experience, retirement credit and some of the benefits of being in the military. To learn about Reserve opportunities, contact Master Sgt. Vera Romano at 846-0544.

Commemorative Veterans History and Heritage coins are available for \$10 each from Master Sgt. Norris Stokes at 846-4305 or norris.stokes@kirtland.af.mil.

The Hispanic Heritage Month annual dance is **tonight, 7-11 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center**. Tickets are \$10 a person and include light hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Live entertainment is by Grupo Zafiro, followed by music by a deejay. Contact 1st Lt. Jose Mendez at 846-4637 or jose.mendez@kirtland.af.mil.

VOLUNTEERS

Shadow Day, a joint venture of Albuquerque Public Schools and Kirtland Air Force Base, is **Nov. 5**. High school students are matched with employees during a typical work day for three-six hours and perform writing assignments that help them think about and record their observations during the shadowing. For information, contact Becky Auringer at Rebecca.auringer@kirtland.af.mil and send your name, career field, unit and duty phone.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central New Mexico seeks caring, responsible adults to spend an hour weekly with children at their schools. BBBS volunteers will help students with homework, play games, read book and spend quality time while being a role model. Call Valerie at 837-9223 or visit www.bbbs-cnm.org.

Go batty at the library

Oct. 30, at 2 p.m., children and adults will have a chance to pet real bats, watch them eat, listen to their hearts with a stethoscope, and tune on on their sonar. Dr. Donna Howell, who brought the falcons for Summer Reading Club, will bring bats and a slide show.

Bats have a bad rap. Only two kinds drink blood, and both are the size of a hamster with wings – far too small to harm humans. Most bats eat fish, fruit, mice, bugs, or nectar from flowers. A bat can eat 600 mosquitoes an hour! Beautiful animals with strange faces, they are vital to the ecology. The military learned sonar from them!

